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Re: Partners HealthCare(abbreviation PHC) acquisition of South Shore
Hospital

Against the acquisition:

- + is this acquisition by PHC for corporate greed or for the general public?
- + Recent publication in local paper stated a notice that PHC was at a \$34 million quarterly loss!!
- + How can the state enforce proposed controls over costs and services during the years for the acquisition when the VA is having trouble and the elderly in nursing homes and assisted living are also having trouble and in the papers all the time?
- + We believe without competition and choices patients will have a hard time getting a second opinion and the pricing will rise, delays for people needing care or the visit time will be shortened – something will have to give,
- + Can the little people and their great doctors be MARKET BASKET winners and keep our alliances before this takeover disruption? We want to be a person, not a # even though we have SSN's and insurance #'s but a doctor should know a patient and not be so busy he has to look at a chart to see who is in front of him or her.
- + Look at airplanes with contractors cleaning them rather than airline people to save money-who do you thing would spot an issue on the plane? Let's not skimp on health care because if you don't have your health you have nothing..
- + Another article said the standardization leads to customization, who really wants that when it concerns health issues.
- + Another article by Owen Boss of the Herald reports that Gov. Deval Patrick keyed in on PHC, the health powerhouse that reported stark spending increases, making it the only physician group that was both higher than the network average and reported higher total medical expenses across all three major Massachusetts insurers.

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